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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request  
FOIA Control No.: 18-FI-HQ-00998  
Civil Action Number: 18-cv-793

Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is the second interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 1, 2018. Your request was received on March 2, 2018, and you asked for all Department of Housing and Urban Development records since January 20, 2017, reflecting communications (including but not limited to emails, email attachments, text messages, chat or Slack messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any responsive communications, summaries of any responsive communications, or other materials) between (a) Secretary Benjamin Carson; his chief of staff; or any political appointees in the Office of the Secretary and (b) any employee or representative of Sinclair Broadcast Group (@sbgi.net) or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries, including but not limited to Sinclair Television Group, Inc., Sinclair Investment Group, LLC and Circa News (@circanews.com), and including Murray Carson.

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HUD and American Oversight agreed to narrow the list of potential custodians for cell phone call logs to nine employees. For this interim release, the Department conducted a review of available cell phone call logs for two custodians. All available call logs (January 20, 2017, through November 30, 2017) for these employees (Mason Alexander and Raphael “Raffi” Williams) were manually reviewed to identify numbers matching those previously provided. No responsive cell phone calls were identified for either employee during this timeframe.

Please be advised that the review of records responsive to your request is ongoing. Further interim responses may be provided to you as this process continues. At the completion of this review, a final response letter will be provided.

For your information, your FOIA request, including your identity and any information made available, is releasable to the public under subsequent FOIA requests. In responding to these requests, the Department does not release personal information, such as home address, telephone number, or Social Security number, all of which are protected from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6.

If you have questions regarding your request, please contact Assistant United States Attorney Paul Cirino at (202) 252-2529. Thank you for your interest in the Department's programs and policies.

Sincerely,

  
*for*

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HUD and American Oversight agreed to narrow the list of potential custodians for cell phone records to nine employees. No responsive text messages (including standard messages or messages sent through applications such as Slack or WhatsApp) were identified for any of the nine custodians.

Please be advised that the review of records that may be responsive to your request is ongoing. Further interim responses may be provided to you as this process continues. At the completion of this review, a final response letter will be provided.

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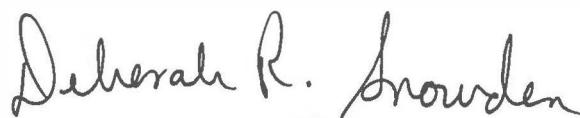
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Available cell phone call logs were manually reviewed to identify numbers matching those previously provided. No responsive cell phone calls, incoming or outgoing, were identified. Additionally, a search for handwritten notes in the Office of the Secretary failed to locate any records responsive to your request. Previous interim releases covered the Department’s review of email, text message, and landline phone call records.

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